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Hi Frannie,

I hope you had a great long weekend as well – but sometimes catching up in the “short week” afterward is challenging!

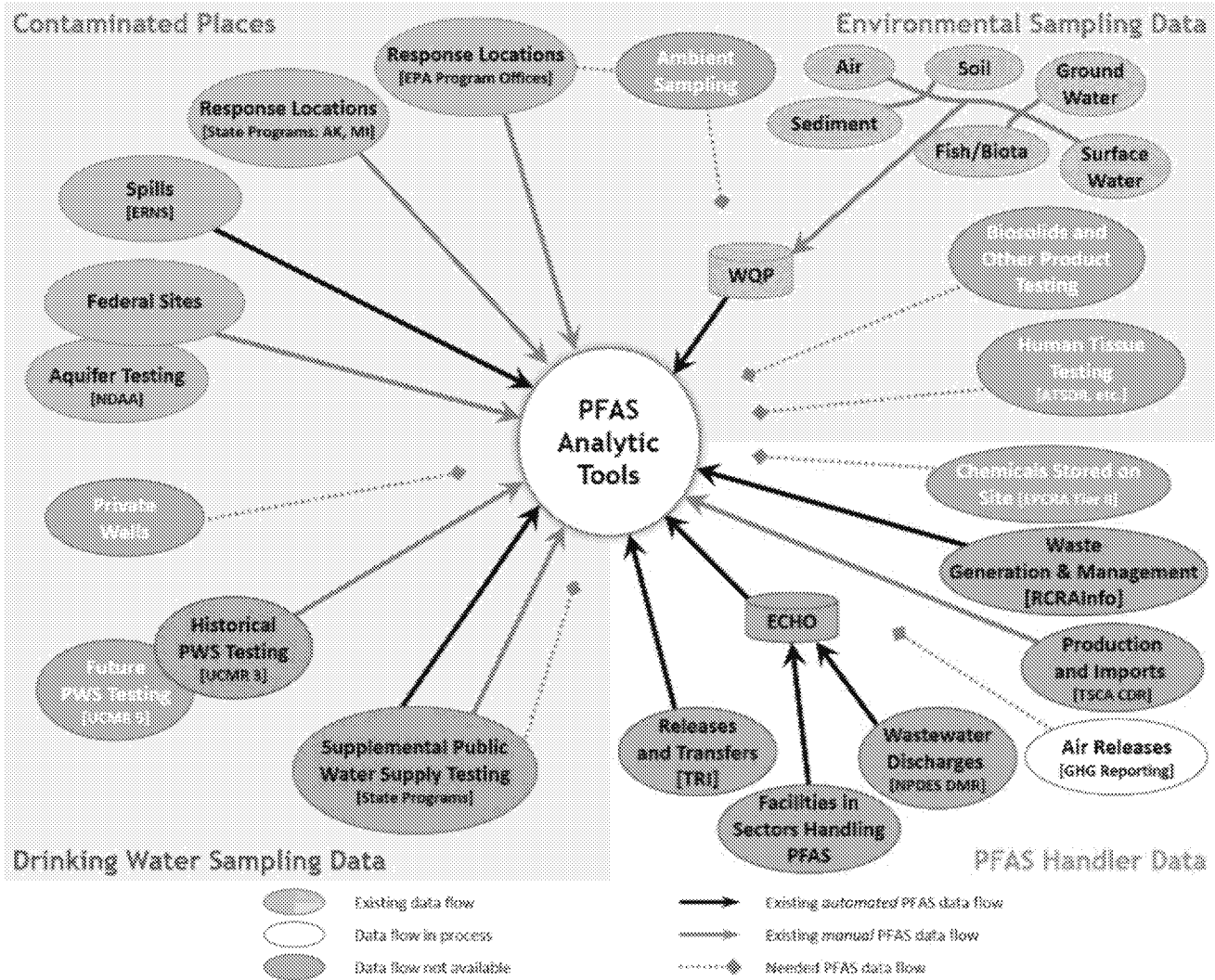
Regarding your first request, I would be glad to facilitate a small group training for NC (DEQ and DHHS) with our EPA OECA experts on the tool – they are busy and getting a lot of requests in the new year! Have you been able to explore the tool yet? There was a training on Oct 26 on some new data layers that were added last fall – not sure if you were able to participate in that or not. I’ve requested a video of that webinar but they don’t have it ready quite yet. As a quick note, state govt users can gain access to the tool but there are a few steps to take – see my previous update (attached, page 4 in the middle) on the tool and how to access ECHO and establish an account if you don’t have one yet. See below for a visual of all the different data layers they currently have feeding into the tool and also the ones they hope to develop in the future (grey circles).

On the second request, yes, I would be glad to join you on February 7th – as long as it’s before 2:30. I can give an abbreviated run through (15 mins) of the Roadmap and actions we’ve taken since October 2021 – and will do my best to get the latest and greatest on EPA’s tox work that we can share at that point in time.

Feel free to call me to discuss either item further! Thanks,

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PFAS Data Flows and Data Connections for the PFAS Analytic Tools



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Hi Aaryn,

I hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend.

I am interested in the GIS training you mentioned, and I think there are a few others from NC (DEQ & DHHS) that might be interested as well. I don't know if we need a state-specific training, but perhaps we could join another small group that is interested?

I do have an additional request....

North Carolina has our Science Advisory Board meeting on Feb 7, and we usually give a brief update of the EPA's PFAS actions and how they are related to what NC is working on.

Since there has been a lot of movement from EPA regarding PFAS since our last meeting (Dec 2021) we thought that the update might be better delivered directly from the EPA.

Would you be willing to provide a briefing on EPA's PFAS activities at our Feb 7th meeting? It would be quick- 15 minutes or less, and the only questions that you might receive are from the Board members that are all toxicologists. If you have a presentation that you used previously or would just like to give a verbal briefing- we would be very happy to have either!

I realize this is only a few weeks away from the meeting date, so if you do not have time in your schedule I completely understand. If you want to chat on the phone about the briefing, please feel free to call! I am happy to discuss as it might be easier to articulate over the phone.

Thank you,
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Happy New Year all!

I wanted to pass along the PFAS updates below, and also please find attached the multimedia Region 4 PFAS Points of contact should you ever need to reach out on a media-specific concern. We are looking to schedule a meeting with you all in February, so be on the lookout for an invitation, and let me know if there are any agenda topics you would like to see addressed.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime. Thanks and stay safe this weekend, especially if you are in the path of the winter storm!

Region 4 items:

- **EPA Response to NC PFAS Testing Petition:** December 28 [press release](#) referencing ongoing work under the [National PFAS testing strategy](#).
- **Training for ADEM on PFAS Analytic Tool (OECA GIS tool) - February 8, 10-11AM EST** - OECA will provide virtual training to approximately 50 ADEM PFAS Committee Meeting Members. **Let me know if you would be interested in a similar training for your state.*

General EPA items:

- **SAB Review of PFOA/PFOS Drinking-Water Science:** 4 public meetings recently took place (December 16, January 4, 6, and 7). Click [here](#) for meeting materials and public comments.
- **PFBA draft IRIS assessment public peer review meeting** – February 22 at 10:30AM EST; February 23 at 10:30AM EST. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.
- **PFAS Explainers are live on EPA PFAS Website:**
 - [Three explainers have been posted on the Web – <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>](#). They cover:
 - [Our current understanding of the human health and environmental risks PFAS](#)
 - [Increasing our understanding of the health risks from PFAS and how to address them](#)
 - [Meaningful and achievable action steps that can be taken to reduce risk](#)
- **EPA Release of UCMR 5:** December 20 [press release](#) on final rule release; rule was published in the Federal Register on December 27
 - Public Webinars will be held March 16 from 9AM-12:30PM EST, and March 17 from 1-4:30PM EST. Click [here](#) to find more info and links to register.

Other Federal Agency PFAS updates:

- **EPA OIG on PFAS Drinking Water:** In its FY22 oversight plan, released on December 16, EPA OIG said it plans to “[d]etermine why the EPA has not established a mandatory limit for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are commonly known as PFAS, in drinking water; what challenges may prevent the EPA from setting such a limit; and what the EPA’s plan—if one exists—is for implementing such a limit.” [OIG FY22 plan](#)
- **USGS PFAS Strategy:** “The U.S. Geological Survey released a strategy today [December 22] that outlines the agency’s future scientific role in the study of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, chemicals known as PFAS.” [December 22 press release](#) | [Direct link to strategy](#)
- **New DOE Guidance on Reporting PFAS Spills:** Following up on a September memo from DOE’s Deputy Secretary, DOE released a memo on December 7 on how DOE should report spills of PFAS-containing AFFF. (Memo is very technical and focused on DOE’s internal database.) [Link to memo](#)
- **ATSDR Health Consultation Report on New Hampshire/Saint Gobain:** Released on December 15 for public comment, concluding the pre-2016 drinking water PFAS levels could have increased the risk of harmful health effects for some community members, and noting that harmful exposures to PFAS in private wells have been minimized by providing alternate water and taking other actions. [Press release](#)

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